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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 16-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15 are deleted; claims 16-35 are newly added.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents, and to state whether the drawings are acceptable.

The Office action objects to the Abstract; a replacement abstract is included herein.

The Office action objects to the arrangement of information in the specification relative to the section headings. The section headings are deleted herein. The applicant respectfully notes that section headings are not required in accordance with MPEP 608.01(a).

The Office action rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs. Claims 1-15 are canceled and newly added claims 16-35 are submitted to replace European-style claim phraseology with American-style claim language. No new matter is added.

The Office action rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Jones et al. (USP 6,744,763, hereinafter Jones). Claims 1-15 are canceled herein. In the interest of advancing prosecution in this case, the applicant provides the following remarks regarding Jones in view of newly added claims 16-35.

Claim 16, upon which claims 17-23 depend, claims a method that includes processing a plurality of frames to provide a set of localizing data that facilitates distinguishing frame header information and frame data of each frame within a stream of packets. As noted in dependent claim 17, this localizing data facilitates the creation of a stream that the original frame header information and encrypted frame data for each frame. Claim 24, upon which claims 25-32 depend, claims a system

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with similar claim limitations.

Jones teaches pointers 405 that are used to reference frames within a packet, but Jones is silent with regard to what these pointers point to, and with regard to how these pointers may be used. Jones' only references to such pointers are:

"Each hint track sample, such as hint track sample 405—which describes how to form an RTP packet—may contain a header, and may reference some data from an associated media track—in this case, a video track 403" (Jones, column 10, lines 38-41), and

"In one embodiment, hints include pointer information identifying media data (e.g., a particular packet(s)) which may be in a separate media file" (Jones, column 21, lines 1-3).

Because Jones fails to teach providing a set of localizing data that facilitates distinguishing frame header information and frame data of each frame within a stream of packets, the applicant respectfully maintains that claims 16-32 are patentable over Jones.

Claim 33, upon which claims 34-35 depend, claims a system that includes a receiver that receives a stream of packets, and a processor that processes the stream of packets to distinguish frame header information and frame data of a plurality of frames within the stream of packets, based on localizing data that is included within the stream of packets. As noted in dependent claim 34, this localizing data facilitates selective decryption of the frame data in the stream of packets.

As noted above, Jones fails to teach a set of localizing data that facilitates distinguishing frame header information and frame data of each frame within a stream of packets, and therefore the applicant respectfully maintains that claims 33-35 are patentable over Jones.

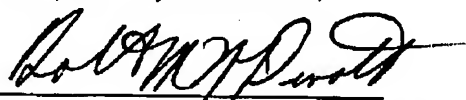
The Office action cites Bell (USP 6,707,914) for teaching a receiver that decrypts frames from packets. The applicant respectfully notes that Bell does not teach localizing data that distinguishes frame header information and frame data, and therefore the applicant respectfully maintains that claims 33-35 are patentable over Jones.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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